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Upcoming Events

- 3/24/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
3/24/19 Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
3/26/19 Lenten Study- *Way of Love* at Christ Church
 5:30 Soup dinner 6:00 p.m. Lenten study
3/27/19 Executive Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm
3/31/19 Fifth Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Church
3/31/19 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
3/31/19 Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
4/2/19 Lenten Study- *Way of Love* at Christ Church
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Backpack Blessings Schedule

Pack after church on March 24
 Driver to deliver bags March 28 – Beth Sickles
 Shop for food on March 28 – Pam Critchfield

Lenten Program Change –Now on Tuesdays



Please note the change of day for the Lenten dinners and study from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. Rev. Nora is using “The Way of Love in Lent” materials from The Episcopal Church for the study.



Easter Outreach Project

Kipp Martin, Christ Church Outreach Committee Chairman, has announced that we will be packing Easter food baskets for the Clarksburg Mission. Watch for more information and signup sheets at both churches.

In Need of Coffee Hour Hosts

We are in need of hosts for coffee hour following each Sunday service. It need not be lavish; just as simple as cookies or cake. If you would like to host please add your name to the sign-up sheet located on the refrigerator. If you cannot bring in goodies but want to help, then please just put a check in the plate with memo “coffee hour” and the monies will be used to buy items.

Serving Ministries

March 24, 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
 Lector: Bill Saviers
 Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Zac Steed
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Marilyn Blake and Kitty Clovis
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
 Coffee hour hostess: OPEN
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Kipp Martin
 Ushers: Joe Martin
 Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

March 31, 2019

4th Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
 Lector: Chuck Critchfield
 Ushers: Jody Morse and Ben Hardesty
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Marilyn Blake and Kitty Clovis
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
 Coffee hour hostess: OPEN
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Ron LaNeve
 Ushers: Joe Martin
 Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

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 Story of Jesus Christ**



March 24, 2019 – Lent 3 (C)

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - Learn

Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*.

Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

READ Proverbs 8:1-8; 19-21; 9:4b-6

Lent has always been the traditional time of study and growth for those who seek to follow Jesus' way and *learn* his life and teachings. As Christians, we are invited to continue to grow in our knowledge and love of God. Remember, Episcopal tradition holds that we never really “arrive” in our journey with God.

This passage from the Book of Proverbs echoes the blessing we pray over every newly baptized Christian that the person might have an “inquiring and discerning heart” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 308). In this passage, wisdom is personified as a woman crying out for people at the crossroads of the city to hear the gift of life she offers. In the Bible, wisdom is an active and powerful force present even at the beginning of the world. She does not want anyone to be left without knowledge of God and refuses to deny God's love to anyone who is willing to learn. However, gaining wisdom is not simply studying a book or memorizing a few facts. Wisdom goes beyond mere knowledge into action. We cannot be considered wise if we do not act in accordance with what we have learned. Wisdom demands integrity. Wisdom calls us to “lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight” (Proverbs 9:6).

The baptismal blessing over the water notes that “the Holy Spirit moved over the waters at creation” (Genesis 1:2). Wisdom is often equated with the Holy Spirit herself. In other words, every part of this earth is created with some element of the powerful gift of wisdom. One method for us to practice learning is to sit at the feet of Jesus, our great teacher in wisdom, and learn his way through regular meditation on the Scriptures. Through him, we can access the wisdom that fills all of creation and already lives in each one of us.

REFLECT: When we are dedicated to learning more about God's wisdom through relationship with Jesus and with others, we open ourselves up to God's holy word made manifest in all with whom we come in contact. How often do you spend time reading the Bible? What wisdom have you gleaned from its pages?



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life